

**BUILDING TITLE: Dempsters** **BUILDING ADDRESS: 222-228 Gray St**  
**LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: A** || **B** || **C** | **X** | **D** || **E** || **BUILDING TYPE: Shops**  
**DESIGNATION: HBR Reg No** File # **AHC File #** **NT File #** **Class** || **Rec** ||  
**CONSERVATION AREA: Gray St Commercial** **LEVEL OF STREETScape SIGNIFICANCE: 1** || **2** | **X** | **3** ||  
**STYLE: Moderne (?)**

**CONSTRUCTION DATE & ALTERATIONS:**

1. 1939
2. 1958
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

**Sources:**

1. HSA DP 163-5 for JA Dempster
2. Ibid, additions Dempsters Store

**MATERIALS:**

**Roof:** corr'ed iron  
**Walls:** brick  
**Dressings:**  
**Plinth:** blue glazed tiles  
**Windows:** nickle plate glass  
**Paving:** painted concrete  
**Other:** pressed glass clerestory  
pressed metal soffits and  
parapet to entry

**SURVEY DATE: 7/3/51**

**NEG FILE: 2/30**

**REPORTER: TFH**

**INTEGRITY: E** | **X** | **G** || **F** || **P** ||

**NOTABLE FEATURES: interiors**

**CONDITION: E** | **X** | **G** || **F** || **P** ||

**SIGNIFICANCE:** Excellent integrity including the interiors, the building complements the others built in Gray Street in the 1930s.

**ALTERATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**Appropriate:**

**Rec**

**Inappropriate:**

removal of verandah

**Rec**

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**O=reinstate original design S=reinstate sympathetic alternative R=remove RAM=remove by approved method**

**SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/TENANTS:**

land to J Blair 25/5/53  
JA Dempster, owner 1939

**ARCHITECTS/BUILDERS:**

Seabrook & Fildes, architects?  
Reg Williams, builder?

**TITLE:**

Sec **C A**  
2 pt 6  
EC Dempster, pharmacist, owner 1958  
JC & ID Taylor (Properties) Pty Ltd

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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Dempster's  
222-228 Gray Street

This building was constructed in 1939 or earlier. <sup>(i)</sup> It has local significance for the architectural interest of its significantly intact shopfronts and interiors and for its historical associations with Mr J A Dempster, storekeeper. <sup>(ii)</sup> It is quite likely that he was related to Mr E C Dempster, pharmacist and Hamilton Mayor. <sup>(iii)</sup> There were additions made to Dempster's Store in 1958. It is now vacant but retains its integrity and is in good condition. The architect is not known and was probably not Seabrook and Fildes but the shops were probably built by Reg Williams who was a prolific builder at the time. The shops complement the many other buildings constructed in the commercial part of Gray Street between the wars.

### ASSOCIATED HISTORIC THEMES

Evolution of the Town: 1930s, 1950s.

### ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS

Kruger's, 230-232 Gray Street  
Scullions, 196 Gray Street,  
Millers Department Store, 121 Gray Street

### REFERENCES

*HSA DP* No. 163-165, for J A Dempster, 24 February 1939; additions to Dempster store, 4 November 1958. Garden, Don, *Hamilton*, North Melbourne, 1984.

### FOOTNOTES

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- <sup>i</sup> *HSA DP* No. 163-165. House connection for J A Dempster, 24 February 1939.  
<sup>ii</sup> Ibid.  
<sup>iii</sup> Garden, Don, *Hamilton*, pp 241, 243. They may have been father and son.